

What is Claimed is:

1. An electronic message management system comprising:
 - a related message determination device that determines one or more related electronic messages to a new electronic message;
- 5 a message control device that assembles the one or more related electronic messages; and
 - a message display device that nondisruptively displays a portion of the one or more related electronic messages.
- 10 2. The system of claim 1, further comprising an electronic message composition device that allows a user to at least one of create or update the new electronic message.
- 15 3. The system of claim 2, wherein the related message determination device automatically determines the one or more related electronic messages after commencement of the creating or updating of the new electronic message.
- 20 4. The system of claim 1, wherein upon selection of a portion of one of the one or more related messages, the related message is displayed.
5. The system of claim 1, wherein the related message determination is based on at least one of: a statistical analysis; a comparison of the new electronic message to at least one of the one or more related electronic messages; a keyword search; an address field search; a recipient search; a sender search; a subject field search; a date search; and a recency search.
- 25 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the one or more related electronic messages are at least one of: displayed in a new user interface; assembled into a digest; and stored.
7. An electronic message management method comprising:
 - determining one or more related electronic messages to a new electronic message;
 - assembling the one or more related electronic messages; and
 - nondisruptively displaying a portion of the one or more related electronic messages.
- 30 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising creating or updating the new electronic message.
9. The method of claim 8, wherein determining the one or more related electronic messages automatically occurs after commencement of creating or updating of the new electronic message.

10. The method of claim 7, wherein upon selection of a portion of one of the one or more related messages, the related message is displayed.

11. The method of claim 7, wherein the related message determination is based on at least one of: a statistical analysis; a comparison of the new message to at least one of the 5 one or more related electronic messages; a keyword search; an address field search; a recipient search; a sender search; a subject field search; a date search; and a recency search.

12. The method of claim 7, wherein the one or more related electronic messages are at least one of: displayed in a new user interface; assembled into a digest; and stored.

13. An information storage media comprising information that manages electronic 10 messages comprising:

information that determines one or more related electronic messages to a new electronic message;

information that assembles the one or more related electronic messages; and

information that nondisruptively displays a portion of the one or more related 15 electronic messages.

14. The information storage media of claim 13, further comprising information that creates or updates the new electronic message.

15. The information storage media of claim 14, wherein determining the one or more related electronic messages automatically occurs after commencement of the creating or 20 updating of the new electronic message.

16. The information storage media of claim 13, wherein upon selection of a portion of one of the one or more related messages, the related message is displayed.

17. The information storage media of claim 13, wherein the related message determination is based on at least one of: a statistical analysis; a comparison of the new 25 electronic message and at least one of the one or more related electronic messages; a keyword search; an address field search; a recipient search; a sender search; a subject field search; a date search; and a recency search.

18. The information storage media of claim 13, wherein the one or more related electronic messages are at least one of: displayed in a new user interface; assembled into a 30 digest; and stored.

19. An electronic message management system comprising:

a data system for identifying data in electronic messages, the data system adapted to identify related electronic messages;

a message control system associated with the data system, the message control system adapted to assemble the related electronic messages; and

an output device adapted to nondisruptively communicate the related electronic messages.

5 20. The electronic message management system of claim 19 wherein the data system further includes a rule and the data system identifies related electronic messages according to the rule.

21. The electronic message management system of claim 19 wherein the output device communicates in at least one of a human readable and computer readable format.

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